

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1919.

SECTION B.

# BARRIER GOES UP ON MAJOR RACES WEDNESDAY

## National And American Field Is Well Balanced

No Club in Either League Looks Like a Sure Thing as Season Opens.

### SHORTER DASH THAN EVER

Only 110 Games Scheduled; Many Stars Returning from Service.

This week will usher in another baseball season under conditions which the major league managers, players and fans hope and expect will be more fruitful than those of the past few years. With the blight of warfright from the national sport it is the belief in all sections that the game will rebound to the heights of popularity which it enjoyed previous to the devastating sweep of world-wide hostilities.

League officials and club owners, with this idea in mind, have devoted the most few months in preparing for a new period in baseball and their teamwork is evident in many directions. Radical changes made in methods and systems of conducting the big leagues at the annual meetings of the magnates. Individual club owners have labored to improve the strength of their forces and through the team managers have purchased or traded players in order to round out formidable combinations.

### Both Show Improvement

How well they have handled only time can demonstrate but viewed from the standpoint of the present it would appear as though both the National and American circuits were stronger and better balanced than has been the case in recent seasons. Before the pennant races are well under way it is expected that the last of the teams, either at home or abroad, will have doffed the khaki for baseball banal. Many will reappear upon the field with a glamor heretofore lacking and the fans' welcome will be backed by a sentiment containing something more than the admiration due the player for his playability alone.

Mingled with faces of returning veterans who have won honors on the battlefields of Europe, as well as on the diamond, will be seen those of the new-comers bringing the spirit, action and zest of youth to the national scene. From the training camps of the southland come reports of the sparkling play of several recruits who promise to quickly establish themselves in the hearts of the fans as a result of their unusual skill with bat and ball.

It is this constantly changing picture of personnel, playing ability and combat tempered with the sentiment and traditions of baseball that has established the sport so firmly throughout the nation. Other factors may fade, youthful phenomena leap to the zenith in their places, and club owners come and go with little apparent effect upon the popularity of the game. For many years baseball has held its own through prosperous and depressing seasons because it is baseball and America's game. Tradition has welded the sport into an integral part of the nation's life.

### National's Fortieth Season

For more than 40 years the National League has warshaded its playing field with a spring of success. Teams now, on another continent than that of its birth, it will do again during the next few days. Since 1876 22 titles have been represented, at one time or another, on the senior circuit with from three to 12 clubs finishing the pennant races.

Chicago leads in the number of championships won as the teams of that city have accounted for 11 pennants. Boston is second with nine and New York third with eight, of the 22 pennants won by cities now represented in the leagues eastern clubs have captured 22 and western teams 11.

**Navy Crews Clean Up.**

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 19.—Navy crews swept seven river in racing regatta today, winning varsity and freshman races over Harvard by 14 and 8 boat lengths, respectively. Course, a mile and seven-eighths. Time of crews, varsity navy, 10:45; Harvard, 11:21; Princeton, 11:41; freshman, navy, 11:24; Harvard, 11:49; Princeton, 11:54.

### Exhibition Games.

Score: Philadelphia Nationals, 2—1; Philadelphia Americans, 3—4; Batteries—Pendergrass, Estrelle and Adams; Anderson, Smith and Perkins.

White Sox, 3; Reds, 1. CINCINNATI, April 19.—Score: Chicago Americans, 3—2; Cincinnati Nationals, 1—8; Batteries—Kerr and Schatz; Fister and Allen.

NEW ORLEANS, 2; Shreveport, 1. NEW ORLEANS, April 19.—Score: Chicago Americans, 8—6; St. Louis Americans, 1—1; Batteries—Davenport and Billings; Tufts, May and Clemens.

BROWNS, 8; Cardinals, 1. ST. LOUIS, April 19.—Score: Chicago Americans, 8—6; St. Louis Americans, 1—1; Batteries—Davenport and Billings; Tufts, May and Clemens.

CUBS, 16; Blues, 4. KANSAS CITY, April 19.—Score: Chicago Americans, 16—25; Kansas City A. A., 4—10; Batteries—Martin and Kilmer; O'Farrell, Graham, Johnson and Brock.

RED SOX, 16; Orioles, 2. BALTIMORE, Md., April 19.—Score: Boston Americans, 16—16; Baltimore, 2—7; Batteries—Ruth, Mays and Waltemar; Farnham and Lewis.

NASHVILLE, 4; Louisville, 0. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 19.—Score: Louisville, 4—0; Batteries—Mies and Meyer; Holzschuh, Bennett, Street and Kohlbecker.

**INVENTOR OF THE CURVE STILL MATTER OF DISPUTE**

The score: Brooklyn, 16; Philadelphia, 15; Boston, 16—16; Baltimore, 2—7; Batteries—Ruth, Mays and Waltemar; Farnham and Lewis.

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